

WILMINGTON 2010-11 Progress Report

CITY OF WILMINGTON PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

Winter 2011-12: Special Progress Report

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Learn more about major projects completed last year and find out what's coming up this year.



Your City At Work: By the Numbers

Each year, the city's 900-plus employees provide a variety of services to help maintain the community and keep it safe. These services are paid for with property tax dollars, user fees, bond funds and state funding. Following is some information that illustrates what citizens received for their money in fiscal year 2010-11 as well as projects coming up this year.

Wilmington at-a-glance

City population, 2010:
106,882

Median age, 2009: 33

Gender 2009:
Female 52%
Male 48%

Race 2009:
78.1% White
15.5% Black
2.8% American Indian/
Asian/Other
3.6% Hispanic

City Land Area:
51.55 square miles

8th largest city in NC

Public Safety

- Police Department-176,000 calls for service
- Fire Department-9,750 response calls

Streets

- Miles of roadways maintained: 407
- Miles of sidewalks maintained: 400
- Potholes repaired: 8,000

Solid Waste

- Trash picked up – 23,587 tons
47,174,000 lbs.
- Recycling picked up – 5,569 tons
11,138,000 lbs.
- Yard waste picked up – 12,414 tons
28,828,000 lbs.

Stormwater

- 86 miles of ditches cleaned (manual)
- 315 bi-annual private retention pond inspections
- 2,822 tons of street sweeping debris collected
- More than 5,700 miles of streets swept

Parks & landscaping

- 531 acres public parks (34 public parks)
- 60 acres of greenways (21 locations)
- 184 acres of athletic and recreational facilities
- More than 9 acres of city-owned lots (24 locations)
- Approximately 71 miles of rights-of-way (107 locations) within the city
- Approximately 66 miles of rights-of-way (28 locations) for the NCDOT
- Approximately 13 miles of 127 alley locations
- Approximately 5 miles of medians (17 locations)
- Over 24 traffic calming devices
- 52 dog waste stations throughout the city
- 35 playground units
- 207 trees planted



2010-2011 Infrastructure Improvements At a glance

Nutt Street Improvements: \$1.5 million

- Realigned Nutt Street at its intersection with Water and Red Cross streets so that it became an extension of north Water Street
- Repaved street and added new sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as stormwater improvements



Riverwalk: \$2.25 million

- 900-foot section of Riverwalk completed that stretches from Conlon Pier and around new convention center to Nutt Street
- Riverwalk now runs continuously from Nun Street to the convention center, making it just over one mile long



Pine Valley: \$123,300

- Installed medians at seven intersections in the Pine Valley East neighborhood as part of an effort to reduce speeds and improve safety in the neighborhood.



Olsen Park: \$8.5 million

- 32-acre park opened that includes recreational space, five lighted softball fields, restrooms, concession building, picnic shelter and a playground
- Joint city/county parks bond project



Energy Efficiency improvements: \$1 million

- \$1 million federal grant funded energy efficiency improvements in several city government buildings
- Improvements include: energy efficient roof at Thalian Hall; lighting, plumbing, new water heater controls and thermostats at several facilities; solar panels at the city's garage on River Road



Masonboro realignment: \$735,000

- Realigned Masonboro Loop Road, Masonboro Sound Road and Pine Grove Drive intersection to help ease traffic congestion
- Pine Grove Drive now flows into Masonboro Loop Road while Masonboro Sound Road forms a "T" at the intersection



Independence Boulevard: \$6.4 million

- Widened almost two miles of Independence Blvd. from two to four lanes between Shipyard Blvd. and Carolina Beach Road
- Provides an alternative route to busy South College Road
- Included extension of Museum Drive from Cameron Art Museum to Independence Blvd.
- Pedestrian crossings and bike lanes also added



Althea Gibson Tennis Center: \$1.5 million

- Tennis Center at Empie Park includes 10 new lighted tennis courts
- Also added two lighted basketball courts, a 1,500-square-foot clubhouse and a multi-use trail that will be part of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail
- Joint city/county parks bond project



Dram Tree Park: \$622,000

- Project includes new boat ramp, kayak launch, landscaping and additional parking
- City partnered with Progress Energy; included funding from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission



Archie Blue Community Park at Love Grove: \$1.2 million

- 6.5-acre park located on Stanley Street adjacent to the Love Grove neighborhood, Burnt Mill Creek and Smith Creek
- Includes new canoe/kayak launch, restroom/shelter facility, a ball field and basketball court, playground, picnic tables, walking trail and lighting



Cross City Trail: \$1.95 million

- A 4-mile section of trail completed that begins near intersection of South College Road and Randall Parkway on UNCW campus and ends on Teal Street in College Acres neighborhood
- Consists of off-road, paved multi-use path through campus and bicycle lanes along Mallard Street, Rill Road, and Teal Street
- City received \$2 million in federal stimulus funds for this phase of trail



Ongoing and upcoming projects:

Empie Fire Station: \$2 million

- New facility being built in same location to replace 40-year-old of station closed because of mold
- Design similar to the Seagate Fire Station with additional 880 square feet



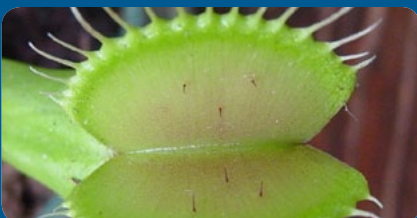
Inland Greens: \$800,000

- Begin work this spring to transform former Inland Greens Golf Course into passive park
- Planned improvements include creating 9-hole, par-3 golf course and significant drainage upgrades



Alderman Preserve: \$375,000

- Begin work this summer to convert 40-acre parcel into a passive park preserve
- Preserve will include parking and observation areas, and paths to carnivorous gardens that contain protected plant species such as the Venus Flytrap, Pitcher Plant and wild orchids
- The Preserve, located on Canterbury Drive next to Alderman Elementary School, will also be hub on Cross-City Trail



North 3rd Street: \$9.4 million

- Work continues on overhaul of North 3rd Street from Market Street north to MLK Parkway
- Joint project between city and Cape Fear Public Utility Authority
- Replacing aging water and sewer lines, placing power and other utilities underground, and putting in new street paving, sidewalks, curbs, crosswalks, lighting and traffic signals
- Scheduled to be completed in fall 2012



Cross City Trail: \$400,000

- Just began construction on a short connection that will include a bridge over Bradley Creek from Teal Street to the edge of Autumn Hall; expected to be completed this spring
- Construction will begin this summer on a section of trail more than one half-mile long that will extend from the new bridge, through Autumn Hall, to connect with existing trail on Eastwood Road
- Approximately 11 miles of trail already built; when completed, trail will be approximately 15 miles long and run from Wade Park to Wrightsville Beach Drawbridge



Stormwater projects:

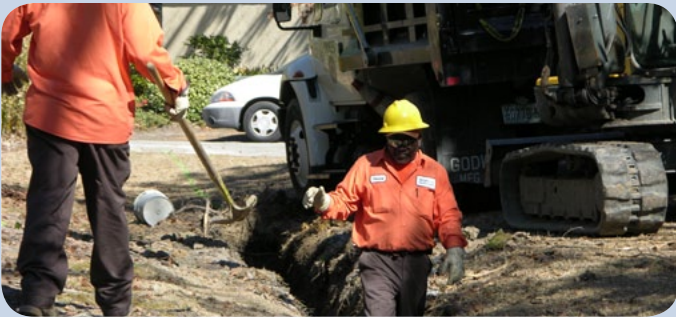
Stormwater projects completed

- Shinn Point Road drainage improvements – replaced older system that was undersized, had substandard piping and old wooden bulk heads along a channel in residential yards
- Hunters' Trail drainage improvements – installation of a new 4-foot by 10-foot culvert on Hunters' Trail
- Wellington Avenue drainage improvements complete by the end of January, 2012
- Winter Park area drainage improvements complete by the end of January, 2012



Stormwater projects underway

- Cedar Avenue stormwater improvements began in early January 2012
- \$1.7 million project expected to be completed in fall 2012



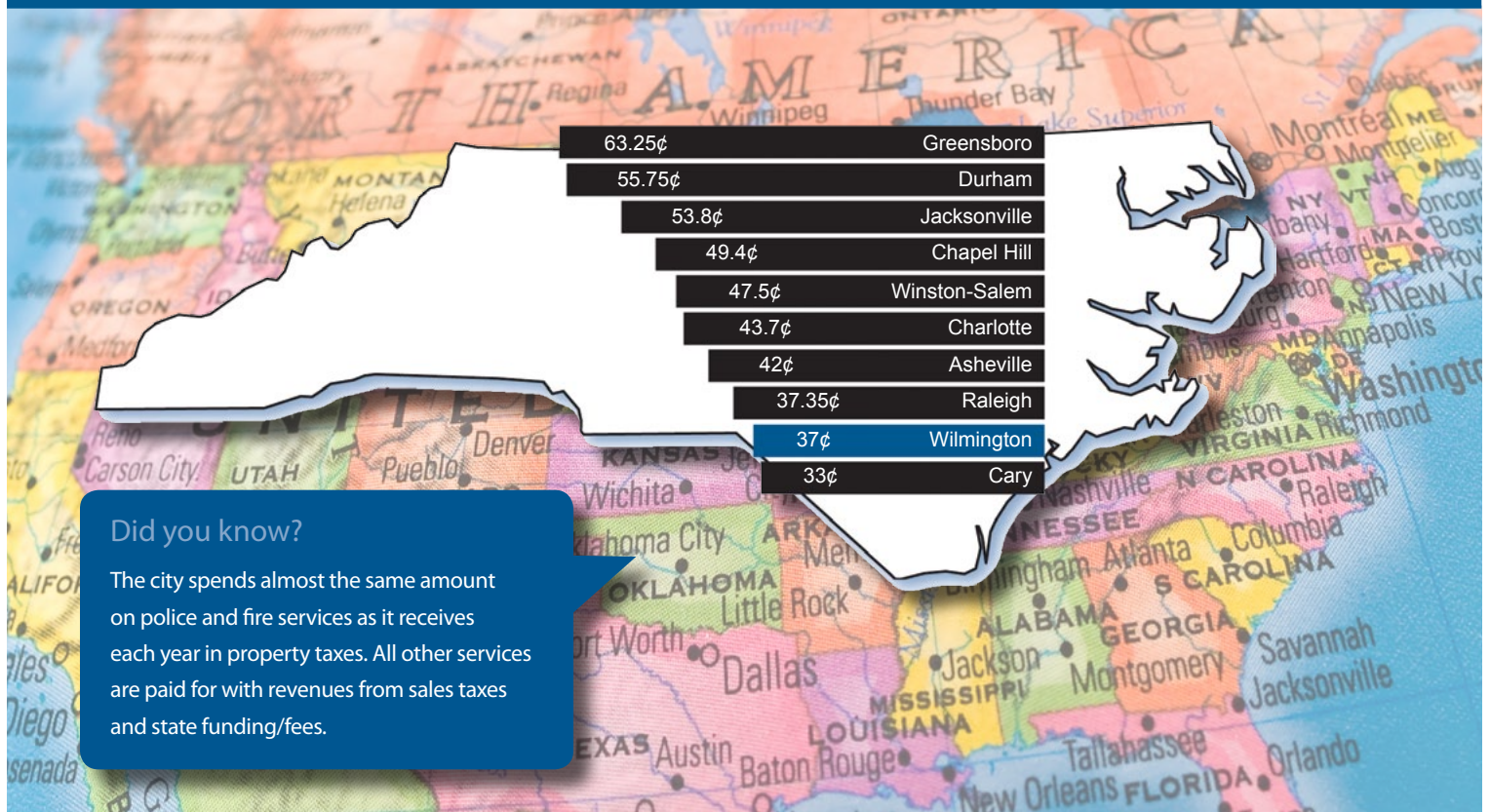
Cavalier Drive improvements

- Half-mile long, 5½-foot stormwater drainage pipe along the south side of Eastwood Road
- \$1.6 million project
- Expected to be completed in late spring



Property tax rates for large North Carolina cities*

Property tax rate = amount charged per \$100 of assessed value



*Rates for cities of 50,000 population and above that do not provide electric utilities.